GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:216
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New Monuments
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain places of Archaeological importance have been found in the country during the mining work and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of monuments that have been declared 'missing' by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) with details of the same, State-wise and the number of monuments found after the declaration of the 'missing' list issued by the ASI along with the details, State-wise;

(c) the procedure followed by ASI to track missing monuments and the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce satellite mapping of ancient monuments and archaeological sites and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that various sites of archaeological importance are being destroyed in the country due to large scale construction of housing units and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)to(e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.216 FOR 1.8.2016

(a) No mining work has been conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India. However, Ministry of Mines has confirmed that no such data is maintained therefore the information is being obtained from Ministry of Mines.

(b) Out of 24 monuments declared missing/untraceable, none of them is traceable after declaration as missing. The details (State-wise) are at Annexure.

c) The procedure to find out untraceable monuments involve verification of old record, revenue maps, referring published reports, physical inspections and deployment of teams to trace the missing monuments.

(d) Archaeological Survey of India entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Remote Sensing Centre, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for preparation of satellite based maps indicating prohibited and regulated areas clearly for the information of public and also to facilitate procedure for grant of permissions for construction related activity within prohibited and regulated areas of all centrally protected monuments. So far 3686 centrally protected monuments are covered under the scope of MoU.

(e) No case of destruction of an archaeological site, protected by Archaeological Survey of India, due to construction of housing units, has come to notice.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.216 FOR 1.8.2016

LIST OF MONUMENTS/SITES WHICH ARE UNTRACEABLE

Assam
1. Guns of Emperor Sher Shah, Sadia, Tinsukia
Arunachal Pradesh
2. The Ruins of Copper Temple,Paya, Lohit

Haryana
3. Kos Minar, Mujesar, Faridabad
4. Kos Minar, Shahabad, Kurukshetra
Uttarakhand
5. Kutumbari Temple, Dwarahat, Almora
Delhi
6. Bara Khamba Cemetery, Delhi
7. Inchla Wali Gumti, Mubarakpur Kotla
Madhya Pradesh
8. Rock Inscription, Satna
Maharashtra
9. Old European Tomb, Pune
10. One Buruj, Agarkot
Rajasthan
11. Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Tonk
12. 12th Century Temple, Baran
Uttar Pradesh
13. Ruins of three small linga temple circle 1000 AD, Ahugi Mirzapur
14. Three sites with megaliths on the western and north eastern toes of the hill, Chandauli
15. Tablet on treasury building, Varanasi
16. Telia Nala Buddhist ruins, Varanasi
17. A Banyan grove containing traces of ancient building, Amavey, Ballia
18. Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka, Banda
19. Gunner Burkill's Tomb, Mehroni, Lalitpur
20. Three Tomb, Lucknow-Faizabad Road, Lucknow
21. Cemeteries at miles 6 and 7, Jahraila Road, Lucknow
22. Cemetery at Gaughat, Lucknow
23. Large ruined site called Sandi-Khera, Pali, Shahabad, Hardoi
West Bengal
24. Ruins of fort, Bamanpukur, Nadia